

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A safety razor apparatus having a grip portion connected to a blade assembly, the safety razor apparatus comprising:  
| two guiding members, each guiding member having a top surface for abutting against skin, and

| one or more blades disposed between said two guiding members, each blade having a cutting edge, the cutting edge of each blade and said top surfaces of said two guiding members are positioned substantially in one plane, at least one of the two guiding members is an adjustable guiding member that is adjustable in a direction perpendicular to said plane,

| wherein the adjustable guiding member includes first, second, third and fourth inclined surfaces, the first and second inclined surfaces being joined and separated by a fifth surface that for a portion is substantially parallel to the one plane, the third and fourth inclined surfaces being joined and separated by a sixth surface that for a portion is substantially parallel to the one plane, the first and third surfaces are a first pair of mutually opposing inclined surfaces, the second and fourth surfaces are a second pair of mutually opposing inclined surfaces, and

wherein a lateral displacement of the first and second inclined surfaces in a direction parallel to said plane moves the third and forth inclined surfaces in the direction perpendicular to said plane.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) The safety razor apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the adjustable guiding member can be fixed in at least one of two positions with respect to the plane.

4. (Previously presented) The safety razor apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein the adjustable guiding member can be fixed in at least one position between said two positions.

5. (Previously presented) The safety razor apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the top surface of said adjustable guiding member is adjustable between and including a lowermost position, where the top surface of the adjustable guiding member is in said plane and an uppermost position, where the top surface of the adjustable guiding member is above said plane.

6. (Previously presented) The safety razor apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein only one of said two guiding members is adjustable.

7. (Previously presented) The safety razor apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a frame and spring means and wherein the adjustable guiding member is movably positioned in the frame, said top surface of the adjustable guiding member extends outside said frame, the spring means providing tension to press the first pair of mutually opposing inclined surfaces against each other and to press the second pair of mutually opposing inclined surfaces against each other.
8. (Previously presented) The safety razor apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said spring means comprises a pair of helical springs.

9. (Currently amended) A blade assembly for a safety razor apparatus, the blade assembly comprising:

two guiding members, each guiding member having a top surface for abutting against skin, and

one or more blades disposed between said two guiding members, each blade having a cutting edge, the cutting edge of each blade and said top surfaces of said two guiding members are positioned substantially in one plane, a position of at least one of the two guiding members is adjustable in a direction perpendicular to said plane,

wherein the at least one of the two guiding members includes first, second, third and fourth inclined surfaces, the first and second inclined surfaces being joined and separated

by a fifth surface that for a portion is substantially parallel to the one plane, the third and fourth inclined surfaces being joined and separated by a sixth surface that for a portion is substantially parallel to the one plane, the first and third surfaces are a first pair of mutually opposing inclined surfaces, the second and fourth surfaces are a second pair of mutually opposing inclined surfaces, and

wherein a lateral displacement of the first and second inclined surfaces in a direction parallel to said plane moves the third and forth inclined surfaces in the direction perpendicular to said plane.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously presented) The safety razor apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one guiding member is adjustable to an uppermost position, where the top surface of the at least one adjustable guiding member is disposed at a distance of greater than 2mm above said plane and is adjustable to a lowermost position, where the top surface of the at least one guiding member is in said plane.

12. (Previously presented) The blade assembly as claimed in claim 9, wherein the position of the at least one of the two guiding members is adjustable to an uppermost position where said top surface is disposed at a distance of greater than 2 mm above said plane and is adjustable to a lowermost position where the top surface of the at least one of the

two guiding members is in said plane.

13. (Currently amended) A safety razor apparatus having a grip portion connected to a blade assembly, the safety razor apparatus comprising:

two guiding members, each guiding member having a top surface for abutting against skin, and

one or more blades disposed between said two guiding members, each blade having a cutting edge, the cutting edge of each blade and said top surfaces of said two guiding members are positioned substantially in one plane, at least one of said two guiding members is an adjustable guiding member that is adjustable in a direction perpendicular to said plane, the adjustable guiding member is a lubricating member and the other of said two guiding members is a skin stretching member, the adjustable guiding member is positioned to contact a portion of skin after the one or more blades,

wherein the adjustable guiding member includes first, second, third and fourth inclined surfaces, the first and second inclined surfaces being joined and separated by a fifth surface that for a portion is substantially parallel to the one plane, the third and fourth inclined surfaces being joined and separated by a sixth surface that for a portion is substantially parallel to the one plane, the first and third surfaces are a first pair of mutually opposing inclined surfaces, the second and fourth surfaces are a second pair of mutually opposing inclined surfaces, and

wherein a lateral displacement of the first and second inclined surfaces in a direction

parallel to said plane moves the third and forth inclined surfaces in the direction perpendicular to said plane.

14. (Previously presented) The safety razor apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the adjustable guiding member is a lubricating member and wherein the other of the two guiding members is a skin stretching member, and wherein the adjustable guiding member is positioned to contact a portion of skin after the one or more blades.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously presented) The safety razor apparatus as claimed in claim 1, comprising a pair of spring means, wherein each one of the pair of spring means corresponds to one of the first and second pairs of mutually opposing inclined surfaces providing tension to press the first pair of mutually opposing inclined surfaces against each other and to press the second pair of mutually opposing inclined surfaces against each other.

17. (Previously presented) The blade assembly as claimed in claim 9, wherein the at least one of the two guiding members is a lubricating member and wherein the other of the two guiding members is a skin stretching member, and wherein the at least one of the two guiding members is positioned to contact a portion of skin after the one or more blades.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously presented) The safety razor apparatus as claimed in claim 9, comprising a pair of spring means, wherein each one of the pair of spring means corresponds to one of the first and second pairs of mutually opposing inclined surfaces providing tension to press the first pair of mutually opposing inclined surfaces against each other and to press the second pair of mutually opposing inclined surfaces against each other.